

# Govt must expedite review of salaries

EDITOR: Anyone who closely looks into the quagmire in the public service will agree with me that there is need to review the salary structures in civil service. It is indeed unfortunate that despite the constant changes in the economic conditions in Uganda, many salaries in the civil service have remained constant.

The demand for remuneration has seen many critics, especially from government who have termed it as greed and unethical, especially in the medical service and the Judiciary with some claiming the two vocations engage in bribery.

Not long ago, we saw some arrests made in the medical sector and nurses, who were taking bribes were apprehended. But from a certified view, This cannot be a solution to

the developing crisis, It is better to diagnose the illness and find solutions to it. The first consideration we have to make is that medical workers sacrifice even much more than we think because in many instances they work in deprived conditions some of them work past hours, especially where there are emergencies.

They persevere to work even at a fee that is not made up to be paid to professional people of their calibre, even where equipment is not present.

Therefore, I quash the theory of unpatriotic and selfish desires because these people have enormous love for these country and if it were not for this love, they would have left for greener pastures since they are qualified to work elsewhere.

Looking at the judiciary, most of

these, if not all, are much more capable of working as private lawyers and, therefore, would be susceptible to earning greater amounts of money, but they sacrifice to work for a better Uganda.

Members of the judiciary have been accused of all sorts of crimes that include, colluding with their colleagues to lose cases much to the detriment of the state. If the money is there, which it is, let the will to also pay them be secured so that these salaries are reviewed.

It is, therefore, unqualified to say there is no money to pay these professionals who sacrifice a lot for their country and yet the money could easily be secure for other reasons.

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